



ST SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

April 2014

Easter Holidays – Have an Egg-cellent time!



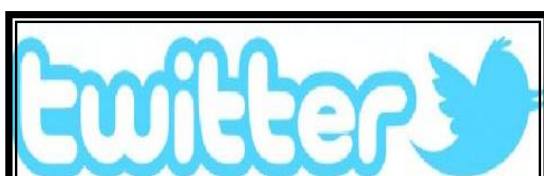
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*Our Facebook page for
parents/carers now has PE
department Twitter feeds.*

*We aim to keep Parents/carers up-to date with all the latest news
and events, posting any last minute messages where possible. Parents/carers may find it useful
to ask non urgent questions on here, of a general nature, which staff may be able to answer.*

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This term has gone fast and so far no Snow!

The Federation of Guernsey Secondary Schools has been enforced and I am looking forward to working closely with my colleague Heads. This means focus this term has been interviewing for new staff. My thanks to staff and students who have helped with this process, particularly those students who work with Mrs Barker on the Student interview panel. Candidates always report how professional and inquiring students are with their questions.

Our whole school contribution towards the Everest Challenge was an impressive £1,700 this year.

Well done to, Tonicha Topley, Jade Ferbrache, Savannah Gow and Tiegan Batiste who raised £260.00 this term by completing a Sponsored Swim. The charities to benefit will be Guernsey Cheshire Homes, Guernsey Cancer Relief and Guernsey Chest & Heart.

Best wishes for the Easter Holidays to you all.

Yours sincerely



*Mrs A Bolt
Headteacher*

Staff Goodbye's

Mrs Wymer who has been with us for over 9 years will be leaving this Easter. Mrs Wymer was not only one of our long standing Teaching Assistants but worked tirelessly for the Schools' PTA for many years. We wish her all the very best and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

Many of you will be aware, Ms Renate Ritchie, sadly passed away recently. Ms Ritchie undertook supply work for St Sampson's High School. Staff and students' thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Gifted & Talented News from Mrs Appelqvist

My English gifted and talented club have been working towards the Carnegie book award shadowing scheme, this includes reading all of the short listed novels and discussing them in a book club style. A number of the students will soon be selected to attend a lunch at the Guilles Allez library, where we'll discuss our favourite novels with staff and students from the other high schools, the grammar school and the colleges.

In English a number of students have entered a 300 word writing competition with the Guernsey Literary festival; the Guernsey Literary Festival are also holding a poetry workshop with us during the festival.

Finally, my year 8 students and my year 11 students have been contributing to a class blog. The year 8 students have used it to share their interest and knowledge of the Titanic, which we studied for our non-fiction studies; while year 11 have used the blog to give advice to other students about GCSE revision.

A link to the blog follows: <https://www.blogger.com/profile/01886697106684904632>

Maths Report

We would like to welcome both Rebecca Chamberlain and Martin Thomas to the Maths Department.

Maths Week: 10th-14th March

Maths week for Key Stage 3 students began with discovering Pi, through a practical investigation of circles. The students were then faced with a daunting task of trying to remember Pi to as many decimal places as possible. To lighten the mood after setting the challenge, each class was given a Pi quiz, where they had to decipher the Pi Dingbats. A few classes even attempted to make their own comical Pi Dingbats. Students began to question why there was a crop circle, surrounded by aliens, in the school Reception area. Each class looked at the idea of crop circles and one in particular, which managed to incorporate Pi into its design. The students were then tasked with creating their own crop circle as part of a competition between the classes. Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed their session with the Happy Puzzle Company who, as in previous years, structured 90 minutes of madcap puzzle solving fun!

Class competitions began to take place on Wednesday, with several students managing to recite Pi to over 60 decimal places! With the class champions decided, it was time to compete to become the champion of the year group, and win a place in the grand final in the following Friday's assembly. The students did amazingly well to recite Pi in front of their peers. For Year 9, Kelsey Rumens took the title, whilst Saskia Bessin was victorious for Year 8. The Year 7 title was won by Braden Bougourd, who unfortunately was ill on Friday, so Kiara McGrath bravely stepped in as the assembly was about to begin. Jade Ferbrache and Tonicha Topley both in Year 10, returned as last year's champions to defend their title. Jade stormed to victory, beating her peers with a mind-baffling 185 decimal places; double that of her closest rival! Prizes were awarded to each of the class winners, as well as prizes for the best crop circle.

The Key Stage 3 St Sampson's Students were not the only people to enjoy maths week. Students at Le Murier also took part, with competitions in the best colouring of a crop circle and finding circles in the school environment, and the staff took part in a Pi Dingbats challenge. St Sampson's Staff also joined in the fun, baking Pi pies for the occasion. All in all, an excellent way to celebrate maths week, students also thoroughly enjoyed learning the Circle Song, which I'm sure is still stuck in their heads!

Maths Puzzles

Fortnightly, Miss Ledger sends out a Maths Puzzle to every tutor group to take part in as a House Competition. These are puzzles that broaden students' experience of Maths and require them to develop strategic thought to solve logic problems. For each puzzle we have had about 200 entries, every student who enters gains a point for their house and currently Lihou are in the lead!

Intermediate Maths Challenge 2014

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and aimed at those in Years 9, 10 and 11 and sat in schools. Its aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for UK secondary school students. This year, over 200,000 students from across the UK sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold

certificate, the next 13% silver, and the next 21% bronze. St Sampson's High School students did incredibly well in this national competition. In Year 11, Ceisha Martin gained certificates for Best in School, Best in Year and a Bronze. Both Tom De La Rue and Naomi Priest also gained Bronze certificates. Jack Willis in Year 10 gained certificates for Best in Year, and a Bronze. Well done to all who took part!

UKMT Team Challenge Regional Final

Each year St Sampson's High School participates in the UK Mathematics Trust Team Challenge, sending four of its brightest problem solvers to compete against teams representing the secondary schools from both Jersey and Guernsey. The teams all comprise of two year 8 and two year 9 students who work as a group and in pairs over four rounds of competition.

On Monday 23rd of March, Rachel Le Prevost, Natalie Collins, Max Makepeace and Tom Rylatt flew to Jersey to take part in the annual Challenge. They gave a fantastic account of themselves, putting in a strong performance. This year was marked by very able teams being submitted from across the islands and the SSSH team competed well with the staff member supervising their team commenting on their application to the problems, their politeness and composure throughout the rounds. In the end it was a Jersey team who won outright to take the honours (for the first time in several years) and go onto the next round of finals.

The group were brilliant ambassadors for the School and have done SSSH proud, well done!

Rotary Young Chef Competition, Guernsey

Each year two students are given the chance to become Guernsey's Rotary Young Chef of the year and travel to the UK's Rotary competition to compete.

St Sampson's High School entered Brett Le Goupillot, a Year 10 Student, and Georgia Watson, a Year 11 student.

Georgia was the overall winner of the local competition out of all the other schools that entered, including Alderney.

On 22nd February the party travelled to Bournemouth for the UK competition. Georgia used as much local food as possible as well as local flowers on the table, tablemats cut out of acrylic the shape of Guernsey and her menu was bordered with the Guernsey flags, there was no mistaking where they came from! Whilst not winning that round Georgia was a credit to the Island and the school. Her family has had to eat the various courses she planned on many an occasion ensuring Georgia got it perfect.

Have you ever tried taking fresh Moules, Guernsey cream and local vegetables on a small Aurigny flight? It's not easy, especially when the cream pot gets damaged in flight: but true to Georgia's stamina it did not put her off. She performed brilliantly! I think everyone will agree she is a true professional.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth spent a long time talking to Georgia about the food and the journey. When she was presented with a certificate by The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset he also made the point to the audience about the distance and difficulty of getting there and how well Georgia had done. Unfortunately the return journey saw Miss Simpson hit with a really bad Channel ferry crossing and Georgia together with her Mum having numerous flight cancellations and taking 12 hours and lots of waiting trying to get back home!

Well done Georgia and also to Brett for his part in the Guernsey competition.

2014 Eisteddfod success – Media



*Winners Digital Short Film –
Karma Bougourd, Abbie Le Page, Tiegan Carre.*



Winners Most Creative Short Film –
Jake Reynolds, Marshaine Maubec, Owen Camara.



Runners Up Most Creative Short Film –
Sam Totty, Jordan Caradeuc, Ross Reynolds.

Art Displays at the Eisteddfod



Music and Drama at the Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the following students who achieved success in solo Music classes at the Eisteddfod.

- Charlotte Hardwick – Yr 11 – Vocal
- George Russell – Yr 11 – Double bass
- James Thompson – Yr 9 – Cornet
- Greg Male – Yr 9 – Trombone
- Hayley Corbet – Yr 9 – Oboe
- Grace Juggins – Yr 8 – Voice
- Declan Gilman – Yr 8 – Cello
- Matt Holland – Yr 8 – Trombone
- Jana Shrigley – Yr 7 – Piano
- Matt Woodington – Yr 7 – Bassoon

The following students took part in the Drama Eisteddfod:

Sam Ashcroft (Yr 8)
Jenson Hickman (Yr 8)
Charlotte Hardwick (Yr 11)
Holly Anne Langlois (Yr 7)
Nathan Pinchemain (Yr 10)

National Youth Music Theatre:

Well done to Sasha Belford year 8 who took part in an audition and workshop for the National Youth Music Theatre recently. Hopefully we can update you on how she got on soon!

Music Exam success:

Maisie Lihou, Leah Terpstra and Hannah Jones (all year 8) became Guernsey's first Bronze Music Medal award winners for their Keyboard playing.

Corey Le Moigne (year 10) has recently passed his Grade 3 Drum Kit exam with merit.

Matthew Woodington (year 7) Grade 3 Bassoon (with merit) Ewan Nicolle (year 9) Grade 4 Orchestral percussion (with distinction)

Sport report

Male Uprising Guernsey makes a big impression at St Sampson's High School



On 13th March 2014 representatives from Guernsey's male cancer charity, Male Uprising Guernsey were joined by Mike Kinder from the Guernsey Cricket Board at a special boys assembly held at St Sampson's High School.

The 350 students were all given a MUG blue cricket box, through an initiative supported by the GCB. This vital piece of sports kit is a must-have to protect 'sensitive parts' from the hard cricket ball and MUG has created a special version to highlight their male cancer message. The audience was also given one of MUG's blue moustaches, which have become a symbol of the charity and all that it stands for.



Dan Collins, a MUG Council Member and testicular cancer survivor spoke candidly about his own experience of cancer. Dan is committed to helping the charity spread its 'get checked' and 'check your balls' message and is able to explain that testicular cancer affects younger men. The students were also shown the educational testicular cancer video made last year by the charity in conjunction with Guernsey's Sexual Health and Relationship Education team. Julie Corcoran from SHARE was on hand to answer questions.



The special assembly finished with a talk from MUG's founder, Trevor Kelham and he presented the school with a copy of 101 – The Official Bradley Wiggins Opus. The limited edition books have been gifted by Opus to all secondary schools in Guernsey in recognition of the support the schools gave to last year's visit by Sir Bradley Wiggins.

Boys PE

Football - Seb Smeed, Jordan Kelly, Ben Relph, Sam King, Sam Mahy and Oli Salmon were all selected for the U15 boys island football team to compete in the Star Trophy Muratti v Jersey in March. Unfortunately the game ended 2-1 to Jersey but the boys gained vital skills and development from the experience.



In KS3 PE lessons we have had Steve Melbourne (Rugby Development Officer) in delivering sessions to the boys which has been excellent. Many of the boys have now taken the opportunity to join the rugby academy and are now regularly training on a Sunday morning. We have also had Jason Shambrook and Dave Hooper in teaching Cricket – so many thanks to these guys who are giving up their time to meet SSHS students and help promote a wide variety of sports – their expertise is more than welcome.

Rugby - It has been a tough rugby season for SSHS. Although losing more games than winning, the team spirit and attitude shown by the boys has been pleasing. Unfortunately, in a number of games we were unable to raise a full team of 15 which is obviously hugely disappointing, especially for those boys who enjoy rugby as their number one sport. Notable performers in each year group have been Niall Hainsworth (year 7), James Gill (year 8), Tom Walden (year 9) and Nathan Pinchemain (year 10).

Guernsey Fencing also delivered a one-off session to boys and girls in year 7 with the aim of developing Fencing at SSHS and encouraging students to attend clubs and practices.

Girls PE

Ria Bougourd, Holly Langlois, Amy Laine and Natalie Le Page were selected for the Panthers U12 netball team to travel and play Jersey in the inter-insulars in March. A great group of girls and thoroughly deserved.

Netball - Unfortunately, the Under 13 Netball squad could not travel to Jersey for the St. Michael's Netball Tournament, due to adverse weather conditions. The girls have trained hard since September so it was a real shame. The PE department is currently negotiating with various Jersey schools to organise a fixture in the summer term to compensate for the cancelled trip. More details after Easter.

Hockey - Great turn out from the Year 7 and 8 girls at hockey club this term. Girls in both year groups have attended training sessions and development tournaments where they have had the chance to play hockey, improve their skills and most of all, have fun! The Year 7 team has made great improvements throughout the half term. Notable performances from Amy Laine and Tia Carre who have been extremely valuable members of the team. The effort and enthusiasm of the Year 8 team has been fantastic. Great turn out from the girls for fixtures! Emily Jordan has been a great leader during the tournaments. Lauren Le Page has been brilliant in defence and Saskia Bessin has scored plenty of goals this season. Well done girls!

Badminton - The following girls represented SSHS in the Tuesday Badminton fixtures. A Team = Atlanta Allen, Megan Truffit, Charlotte Coutanche, Caris Eker, Chloe Coutanche B Team = Lauren Smeed, Kayla Skillett, Rachel and Nikita Le Prevost, Cara Fitzpatrick. We came 3rd in both leagues with some girls having never played competitive badminton fixtures before. Badminton club continues on a Monday after-school, all pupils welcome.

Extra-curricular clubs

The attendance to lunch time clubs for boys/girls across all years has been poor this term. Please look at the PE notice board, ask your tutor for information about lunch time and after school clubs and make every effort to attend. The low turnout this term is particularly disappointing considering that the department have asked the students what they would like and made provisions accordingly. Swimming is one sport the students wanted and they have the opportunity to attend this on a Monday lunchtime and Tuesday after school – best number so far attending...3!!

Twitter and Facebook – Please follow us on twitter @sshspedept or search St Sampson’s PE and check the school Facebook page for regular updates.

Upcoming

Thursday 3rd April – Boys years 7-10 rugby 7’s tournament at LMDC.

Friday 16th May – Sports day

Sports Clubs

DAY	8:00 – 8:25 am	LUNCH	AFTER-SCHOOL
MONDAY	<i>Basketball practice – all years</i>	<i>Yr 9/10/11 Girls Basketball Training - THT</i>	<i>Badminton Training - THT</i> <i>Yr 7 Boys Hockey training and fixtures – AMG/JIE</i>
TUESDAY		Le Murier	<i>Yr 7/8 Netball Training – SAE</i> <i>Badminton Fixtures – THT</i> <i>Star Trophy football – AMG/JIE</i>
WEDNESDAY		<i>Yr 7/8 Boys Indoor Cricket Training – AMG/JIE</i>	<i>Yr 9 Boys Hockey training and fixtures – AMG/JIE</i>
THURSDAY		<i>Yr 7/8 Girls Basketball Training - SAE</i>	<i>Girls Football 15:30 – 17:30 (Indoors)</i> <i>Angus, Brian, Paul</i> <i>Girls Hockey Training – SAE/THT</i>
FRIDAY		<i>Yr 9/10 Boys Indoor Cricket Training – AMG/JIE</i> <i>Girls Gymnastics Club (gym) - SAE</i>	<i>Yr 8 Boys Hockey training and fixtures – AMG/JIE</i>

BOYS RUGBY SESSIONS WILL ALSO BE RUNNING BUT THE DAY MIGHT CHANGE WEEK TO WEEK. MISS HUBERT AND MISS ADDLESEE WILL INFORM THE GIRLS ABOUT DATES FOR BASKETBALL/HOCKEY FIXTURES.



Careers support for students

Careers Guernsey works in partnership with St Sampson's High to support students and their parents/carers with their Post-16 choices and decisions.

Have you seen the **Parents Guide** available on www.careers.gg to help support your son/daughter with their decisions? There is lots of information about all of the options available and how you can help them with their choices.

Also available for information is the school website www.stsampsonshigh.com/careers

Year 11's are facing some big decisions this year about what they will do next after leaving school. With the deadline for Post-16 applications fast approaching, your son/daughter might find it useful to speak to **Sean Parry**, Careers Adviser from Careers Guernsey (the Careers Service based at the Education Department). We provide free, independent and impartial careers guidance focusing on their needs and interests.

Appointments with Sean are available at our offices or at school. Parents are also welcome to attend the meeting with the Careers Adviser if your son/daughter would like you there too

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm including school holidays

Young Enterprise Awards 2014 Beau Sejour April 3rd

Young Enterprise is a national education charity founded in the UK in 1963 and operated in Guernsey since 1982. Its purpose is to forge links between schools and industry, and its mission is to inspire and equip young people to learn and succeed through enterprise. Local year 11 and 12 students (or Achievers as YE knows them) from 12 island schools take part in Young Enterprise, with over 100 participating each year. They are guided by volunteer business advisers, who give up their own time to help mentor and guide the Achievers. All of this would not be possible without the support of our many sponsors.

St Sampson's High school had 11 students involved this year of the 50 that took part (from all of the other schools on island) they did tremendously well and presented at a spectacular evening at Beau Sejour on 3rd April 2014. They discussed their company accounts and how they worked together (or not!) and how they came up with the final products and the amount of money they made.

St Sampson's High School is extremely proud of the students involved and the efforts they have put in over the last 6 months:

Ben Rowe, Jodie Moore, Rebekah Williams, Chloe Sargent, Lauren Ogier, Rosie Jehan, Aaron Coulson, Charlie Roger, Jordan Caradeuc, Owen Camara and Jed Ferbrache

The IOD Award for Best Marketing Director – Purple Armadillo
The Guernsey Electricity Award for Best Product Sales – ACE
The Partnership Agency Award for IT innovation – Purple Armadillo
The Natwest Guernsey Ltd Award for Most Innovative Product – ACE
The Sure Award for Achievers of the Year – Ben Rowe Fresco amongst others
The Betley Whitehorne Image PR Award for Best Company Display – Purple Armadillo
The Sure Award for Best Company Presentation – Fresco
The HSBC Award for Best Company - Miraberis



*Lauren Ogier, Rosie Jehan and Jodie Moore – members of the Young Enterprise Team **Purple Armadillo** who won The Sure Award For Best Use of Marketing and Communication and the Partnership Agency Award for IT Innovation*



*Ben Rowe member of the Young Enterprise team **Fresco**, who won the 2014 Sure Award for Achiever of the Year for leading a company*



Rebekah Williams member of Fresco with the nostalgic calendar they created with thanks to SSHS DT



ACE



Jed Ferbrache, Owen Camara and Jordan Caradeuc Members of the Young Enterprise team ACE, who won The Natwest Guernsey Ltd Award for Most Innovative Product and the Guernsey Electricity Award for Best



ACE products were iPhone cases and a Mother's day event at the Farmhouse



Careers Show 2014

Years 9 to 11 have a great time at the Careers Show

Follow the link for more photos and information

<http://stsampsonshigh.com/2014/04/03/careers-show-2014-years-9-to-11-had-a-great-time/>



School Dates 2014

Tuesday 8th April

Term Ends for Easter
Holidays

Summer Term 2014

Wednesday 23rd April

Term Starts (Staff)

Thursday 24th April

Term Starts (Students)

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May

HPV Immunisations for Year
8 Girls. All Year 9 DTP
Immunisations

Friday 9th May

Liberation Day

Thursday 15th May

Year 7 Consultation Evening

Friday 16th May

Sports Day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May

Half Term

Friday 27th June

Year 7 Sweeney Todd
Performances

Tuesday 1st July

MAD Night

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 3rd July

MAD Night

Friday 18th July

Term Ends for Summer
Holidays

Autumn Term 2014

Monday 1st September

Term Starts (Staff)

Tuesday 2nd September

Term Starts (Students)

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Half Term

Friday 19th December

Term Ends